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Subject: Comments on the Initial Concept for Program Elements in Future IRWMPs - Prop 50, 84 and 1E

The County of Orange (County) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the grant scoping items presented at the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Program Scoping Meetings in January 2007.

The County supports the proposal to allow the use of existing guidelines from Prop 50, Chapter 8, which includes strategies for meeting the objectives of the IRWMPs. On behalf of our partners in South Orange County, we also provide the following for your consideration:

- Prop 84 and 1E Bond Measures on water quality improvement and pollution prevention support the inclusion of specific provisions for wastewater treatment/wastewater improvements.
- Prop 84 and IE Bond Measures should allow for design/build contracting mechanisms for cost control and scheduling purposes.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Respectfully,

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